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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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No. 166. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th August 1868, No. 6,003.

Read the following letters:—

From the Acting Collector of Madras, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Saidapet, 5th June 1868, No. 186.

1. I have the honor, with reference to paragraph 8 of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 1,897, dated 16th March 1868, to forward an estimate, shewing the amount required, during the current year, to complete works under execution by the Public Works Department from District Road and Canal Funds during the year 1868-69.

	Rs.	
Actual cash balance on the 1st April 1867	7,694	
Receipts from April 1867, to 31st March 1868...	34,753	
	42,447	
Expenditure from do. to do.	45,890	
Excess...	3,443	

2. The actual expenditure under the District Road Fund, during the year 1867-68, has exceeded the available income by Rupees 3,443, as shewn in the margin.

3. I request that you will be good enough to obtain the sanction of the Board for the transfer of the sum of Rupees 3,443 from the balance of "Cochrane's and Sadras Canal Fund" to "District Road Fund," and to be refunded from the collections of the latter during the current official year to the former head.

4. Though funds were allotted in the Budget for 1868-69, under "District Road Fund" for works from Nos. 1 to 7, and Nos. 9, 10, 14, and 15, entered in the Statement, yet the Superintending Engineer has entered an additional sum for each work, to complete the same by the end of March 1869. The total amount so estimated will be largely in excess of the probable receipts for the Fund.

5. The actual cash balance under "Cochrane's and Sadras Canal Fund" is Rupees 79,654, which is by Rupees 17,604 more than the amount estimated in the Budget for 1868-69.

6. It will be observed from the Statement referred to in the 1st paragraph, that Colonel Boileau has allotted a sum of Rupees 1,52,510 for the execution of works mentioned therein.

7. The work noted in the margin may be sanctioned from the unappropriated surplus balance. There will then be a balance of about Rupees 50,000 only for the extension northward of the Canal.

No. 2.—Widening the North Canal for boat basins at Jonagapolliem, Rupees 2,510.

LOCAL FUNDS.

Statement showing works expected to be but not completed on the 31st March 1868, and for the completion of which funds are required during 1868-69.

No.	District or Range.	Description of Works.	Amount of estimate.	Authority and date of sanction.	Actual expenditure from the commencement of the work to 31st March 1868.	Amount required for 1868-69. By the Public Works Department	By the Revenue Department	Remarks.
		District Road Fund.						
1	Madras District. No. 1 Range	Constructing second class road from Trivellore to Nagalapooram.	21,400	G. O., D. P. W., No. 2,013, dated 5th Nov. 1867.	13,000	5,000	...	Includes Rupees 4,000 provided in the current year's Budget—*vide* Item No. 94.
2	Do. ...	Do. do. from Ootoocaudoo to Suttevadoo.	13,300	Do. ...	4,515	4,000	...	Includes Rupees 3,000 provided in the current year's Budget—*vide* Item No. 95.
3	Do. ...	Do. do. from Suttevadoo to Kourapettah.	19,000	Do. ...	10,736	5,000	...	Includes Rupees 3,000 provided in the current year's Budget—*vide* Item No. 96.
4	Do. ...	Do. do. from Vulloor to Trunk Road No. 6.	10,000	Do. ...	1,994	8,000	...	Includes Rupees 3,000 provided in the current year's Budget—*vide* Item No. 92.
5	Do. ...	Do. do. from Trivatore bridge to Ponnairy.	40,000	Do. ...	2,500	5,000	...	Includes Rupees 3,000 provided in the current year's Budget—*vide* Item No. 98.
6	Do. ...	Do. do. from Ponnairy to Pulicat.	11,500	Do. ...	2,469	5,000	...	Includes Rupees 3,000 provided in the current year's Budget—*vide* Item No. 93.
7	Do. ...	Do. do. From Chinnamoothen Chavady to Trunk Road No. 6 viâ Shealla Mudelley's Choultry.	13,300	Do. ...	7,372	4,300	...	Includes Rupees 2,000 provided in the current year's Budget—*vide* Item No. 97.
8	Do. ...	Do. do. from Ponnairy to Punjetty.	2,750	G. O., R. D., dated 31st October 1867, No. 2,567.	2,000	...	750	Not included in the current year's Budget.
9	No. 3, Range.	Constructing a road from Kunnattur to Streepermatur.	35,000	P. W. No. 3,322, dated 25th Oct. 1867.	4,456	5,000	...	Includes Rupees 1,000 provided in the current year's Budget—*vide* Item No. 89.
10	Do. ...	Do. do. from Wallajahbad to Trunk Road No. 8, near Irambiliyur.	48,000	Do. ...	5,341	6,000	...	Includes Rupees 2,000 provided in the current year's Budget—*vide* Item No. 87.
11	Do. ...	Do. do. from a point on the Kambankal channel viâ Parandur to Palloor Tramway station.	6,700	Do. No. 3,434, dated 5th Nov. 1867.	2,083	4,667	...	Not provided in the current year's Budget.
12	Do. ...	Improving the road from McLean's Choultry to Conjeveram.	3,550	S. E. No. 4,709, dated 14th Jan. 1868.	530	3,019	...	Do. do.
13	Do. ...	Road from Kalambaukam to Chingleput viâ Terooporoor and for a branch from Kalambaukam to Covelong.	54,000	G. O. No. 1,787, dated 14th June 1867.	3,000 from Famine Fund.	25,000	...	Do. do.
14	Do. ...	Road from Lattice bridge to Terooporoor.	9,220	Not yet sanctioned.	6,000	...	6,000	Includes Rupees 2,000 provided in the current year's Budget—*vide* Item No. 88.
15	Do. ...	From Kuam, &c., villages to Poonamallee or old Pioneer's Road.	3,230	Do. ...	3,698	...	3,000	Includes Rupees 1,030 provided in the current year's Budget—*vide* Item No. 90.
		Total...	...	...	69,694	79,986	9,750	
		Cochrane's and Sadras Canal Fund.						
1	East Coast Canal.	Extension of the East Coast Canal northwards from Doogarazapatam to Kistnapatam.	2,35,000	G. O., D. P. W., No. 308, dated 5th Feb. 1868.	6,248	1,50,000	...	Not provided in the current year's Budget.
2	Do. ...	Widening the north canal for Boat Basins at Jonagapolliem.	2,510	G. O., R. D., No. 510, dated 24th Feb. 1868.	...	2,510	...	Do. do. this work was sanctioned last year for execution this year.
		Total...	...	...	6,248	1,52,510	...	

SAIDAPET,
3rd June 1868.

(Signed) G. THORNHILL,
Acting Collector.

From G. THORNHILL, Esq., Acting Collector of Madras, to the Acting Secretary to the Board, of Revenue, dated Saidapet, 6th June 1868, No. 190.

In forwarding copy* of a communication from the Superintending Engineer, Fourth Division asking for an allotment of 2,000 Rupees to complete the Chunamboocolum road, I have the honour to request the Board's sanction to transfer 2,000 Rupees from the 3,000 allotted to the Terooporoor and Vendalur road to complete the above. It is desirable as far as possible to complete unfinished lines, and the Board are aware the Terooporoor and Vendalur line has not yet been even surveyed.

* In original (to be returned)

From W. A. GOODCHAP, Esq., Assistant Engineer, in charge No. 1 Range, Madras District, to the Superintending Engineer, Fourth Division, dated Camp at Cortelliar River, 1st June 1868, No. 324.

1. I have the honour to report that a sum of Rupees 2,000 was sanctioned last official year from special funds for a road from Trunk Road No. 6 on the 32nd mile to Chunamboocolum, with a view to employ the distressed poor, and form the road with earth.

2. The earth, for the formation of the road, has been nearly worked out, but still requires about 5,000 cubic yards to complete the side slopes, and put the road into correct section; it is also necessary to construct three or four tunnels in the raised embankment through paddy fields, to save it from being breached during the rainy season, I therefore request you will be good enough to obtain sanction for a further grant of Rupees (2,000) two thousand for the current year, to enable me to complete the earth-work, and build tunnels to preserve the raised portions of the road from being washed away.

No. 1,137.

Copy forwarded to the Collector of Madras, with a request that, under the circumstances, he will arrange for a further grant of Rupees 2,000 for the road in question from the balance, Rupees 43,000, out of the grant, Rupees 50,000, set apart in his letter, No. 167, dated 29th ultimo.

MADRAS,
5th June 1868.

(Signed) A. J. M. BOILEAU, Colonel, R. E.,
Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.

To the Acting Collector of Madras.

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1. With the first of the foregoing letters, the Acting Collector submits a list shewing the amount required to complete certain works under execution from the District Road and Canal Funds during the current official year.

2. The list contains seventeen works, of which fifteen appertain to the District Road Fund, with an allotment of Rupees 89,736, and two to the Canal Fund, with an allotment of Rupees 1,52,510. Of the fifteen Road Fund works, eleven appear in the current year's Budget with a total assignment of Rupees 27,030, which, if deducted from Rupees 89,736, leaves a sum of Rupees 62,706 to be provided for. The Acting Collector simply states that the amount required will be largely in excess of the probable receipts of the Fund.

	Rs.
1. Constructing a second class road from Trivellore to Nagalapooram	1,000
2. Do. from Ootoocaudoo to Suttevadoo...	1,000
3. Do. from Vulloor to Trunk Road No. 6.	5,000
4. Do. from Ponnairy to Pulicat	2,000
5. Do. from Kunnattur to Streepermatur.	4,000
6. Do. from Wallajahbad to Trunk Road No. 8, near Irambiliyur	4,000
	17,000

3. Out of the eleven works above referred to, the six marginally noted, with a required allotment of Rs. 17,000, are roads which have been under execution as famine works. In the second letter above recorded, the Acting Collector applies for a sum of Rs. 2,000 for the completion of the branch road from Trunk Road No. 6 to Chunamboocolum, which was commenced last year from Famine Funds. It has too often occurred that roads, on which large sums have been spent during the pressure of scarcity, have been suddenly abandoned, and that in the absence of gravelling, turfing, culverts, and road dams, the earth-work has to a great extent been washed away, leaving matters, so far as traffic is concerned, no better than they were before.

With a view to obviating this, and to ensuring that the sums expended shall be hereafter productive as works of permanent improvement to the country, the Board resolve to request Government to sanction a special grant of 20,000 Rupees.

4. Out of the remaining four Road Fund works, there is one work,* with an allotment of Rupees 25,000, which should not have found a place in the present list, as it is a salt road, and as such it should be included in the Public Works Budget. Deducting Rupees 17,000, referred to in the preceding paragraph, and Rupees 25,000, total Rupees 42,000, from Rupees 62,706, there remains a balance of Rupees 20,706 to be provided for.

* Road from Kalambaukam to Chingleput, *viâ* Terooporoor, and for a branch from Kalambaukam to Covelong.

5. Mr. Thornhill reports that the actual expenditure during the past year from the Road Fund has exceeded the available income by Rupees 3,443, as shewn in the margin. The anticipated balance of the Fund on the 1st April 1868, exhibited in the printed Budget, is Rupees 2,590, which has been added to the expected receipts of the year and appropriated in the manner shewn in the Budget. Thus it will be seen that the Fund is in debt to the extent of about Rupees 6,000. It is not known whether the past year's expenditure of Rupees 45,890 includes the cost of Public Works supervision for the same year, or whether it has yet to be adjusted.

	Rs.
Actual cash balance on 1st April 1867....	7,694
Receipts from April 1867 to 31st March 1868	34,753
	42,447
Expenditure from do to do. ...	45,890
Excess ...	3,443

6. The Board observe that of the sum of Rupees 69,600, estimated last year as the income of the District Road Fund, only Rupees 34,753 was realized, leaving a deficit of Rupees 34,847, of which, it is believed that about Rupees 17,000 is likely to be recovered for the second half of Fusly 1276 from Moottadars and Shrotriemdars of the district, who have not contributed anything towards the Road Cess since its introduction in January 1867. If from the sum of Rupees 17,000 above referred to, the liability of the Fund, amounting to Rupees 6,000, be deducted, there is a balance of Rupees 11,006 to meet the demand of Rupees 20,706, leaving still a deficit of Rupees 9,706.

7. The Acting Collector is therefore requested, in communication with the Superintending Engineer, to revise his proposals so as to limit them within the available receipts of the year, leaving sufficient margin to meet the excess expenditure of the last year and other incidental charges.

8. The Board remark that the authority quoted in the list for the works described in the margin is incorrect. The Government Order, Public Works Department, dated 25th October 1867, No. 3,322, quoted, simply gives cover to an Order in the Revenue Department, sanctioning the Supplemental District Road Fund Budget for 1867-68, but does not sanction the estimates for any of those works.

(1.) Constructing a road from Kunnatur to Streepermatur.
(2.) Do. from Wallajahbad to Trunk Road No. 8, near Irambiliyur.
(3.) Do. from a point on the ~~Kalambaukam~~ Kambarkal channel *vid* Parandur to Paloor Tramway.
The non-submission of an estimate, for No. 2 in particular, is inexplicable, the work having been in progress since January. Full and complete estimates should be at once submitted.

9. The actual cash balance of the Cochrane's and Sadras Canal Funds remaining on hand at the close of 1867-68 is given as Rupees 79,654, which is Rs. 17,604 in excess of the expected balance of Rupees 62,050 noticed in paragraph 15 of the Board's Proceedings, dated 11th December 1867, No. 8,016. The estimated receipts of the year are given as Rupees 44,000, which, added to Rupees 79,654, makes a total of Rupees 1,23,654, and which may be looked upon as the available assets of the year.

10. The expenditure proposed and sanctioned in the separate Budget for the current year is Rupees 24,500, which, if deducted from Rupees 1,23,654, leaves only an unappropriated balance of Rupees 98,154, and, therefore, the Board are at a loss to understand how a further allotment of Rupees 1,52,510 can be proposed from the Canal Funds. The Acting Collector is requested, in communication with the Superintending Engineer, to prepare a revised list of incomplete works for the Canal Funds, with reference to the actual funds available for expenditure during the current year, and submit it for the approval of the Board.

No. 167. ORDER THEREON, 12th September 1868, No. 2,372.

Local Funds, No. 9.
Account.

1. Before acceding to the request made in paragraph 3 of these Proceedings, the Governor in Council resolves to request the Board of Revenue to ascertain and report whether the seven works referred to were really commenced in consequence of the distress of the people, for it is observed that all these roads were entered in the District Road Fund Budget for construction before any distress was anticipated in the district.

2. The Board will also be requested to report, for the information of Government, what description of work has been done in each case, *i. e.*, whether the road work done is tolerably complete as far as it goes, or whether it is so incomplete as to render it probable that much of the money spent will prove to have been wasted if the supplemental grants now applied for are not made.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
12*th September* 1868.

3. As it is of the utmost importance that the full benefit of the liberal outlay for the relief of distress which has been sanctioned in several districts should be obtained, the Board should at once require similar information in regard to all works which are now, or have been during the last few months, prosecuted from special funds in other districts. A list of the works should be obtained, with details up to date of the progress made on each, the expenditure already incurred, and the amount necessary to complete them, or to place them in such a position that operations may be discontinued temporarily without loss.

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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Succeeding the Bds appln
for additional grants of
Rs 20,000 for the completion
of seven roads in
the Mastiris District,
which it appears were
under construction during
the last official year
from Income Receipts &
Appeals Heard that
these roads were all
entered in the District
Road Fund Budget
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 20th August 1863.

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No. 6,003.

Requesting sanction of Government for special grant of Rupees 20,000 for completion of certain roads in Madras District, directing Collector to revise his proposals for execution of certain Road Fund Works so as to limit them within the available receipts of the year and to submit a revised list of incomplete works for the canal funds.

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Yes. I think so. The grant I have recommended must be carefully restricted to the progress of the works undertaken under the pressure of the late application. Some much of the money advanced by Govt. may be thrown away. If it is desirable to keep these roads in completion by special grant it might however be repaid by the District road fund hereafter. N.

See revised draft

Sent Surveyor

In 2768 & 2372.

12th Sept/68

Before acceding to the request made in para 3 of these Proc. the Govt in Council resolve to request the Board of Revenue to ascertain and report whether the seven works referred to were really commenced in consequence of the distress of the people, &c. & if found that all these works were entered the Subsidiary Road Fund Budget for construction before any distress in the was anticipated in the

District.

The Board will also be requested to ascertain and report in the information of fact which description of work has been done in each case, i.e. whether the road work done is tolerably complete as far as it goes or whether it is only an attempt to render it passable. That much of the money spent will prove to have been wasted if the supplemental grants now applied for are not made.

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